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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Dear Senator Warner:

Thank you for your letter of April 24 regarding
 interest in the case of Graciela E.
 Arabaolasa, an Argentine prisoner.

Our Embassy in Buenos Aires has informed us that our
 third request to interview Ms. Arabaolasa was denied by
 the Government of Argentina (GOA) on December 29, 1979.
 Since that time, we are unaware of any change in the
 status of her case.

We have, however, again requested the Argentine
 Ministry of Interior to allow an Immigration and
 Naturalization Service officer to interview Ms. Arabaolasa
 at the place of detention in order to determine her
 eligibility for admission under existing criteria. This
 formal request was made on April 16, 1981.

If following the interview Ms. Arabaolasa is found to
 be eligible for admission into the United States, a
 certificate of acceptability will be issued which will
 allow her to apply to the GOA to leave the country under
 the right of option program. The board which acts on
 right of option applications has 120 days within which to
 make a decision.

I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
 Assistant Secretary
 for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
 John W. Warner,
 United States Senate.

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